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1. WE TAKE THE DEPARTMENT'S POINT MADE REFTTEL THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARGUE THAT NEITHER SOVIETS NOR AMERICANS SHOULD HOLD TOP PERSONNEL JOBS SINCE IT APPEARS THAT WE OURSELVES HAVE AN EVEN GREATER NUMBER OF SUCH POSITIONS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE UN SYSTEM.

2. NEVERTHELESS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IT ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT USUN, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OTHER MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS (SPECIFICALLY, THE UK, FRENCH, GERMAN AND BELGIAN MISSIONS), MAKE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE DEMARCHE TO SYG WALDHEIM PROTESTING THIS ASSIGNMENT AND THAT THIS EFFORT BE DONE TODAY (MAY 30) IF POSSIBLE. THE REASON FOR THIS URGENCY IS THAT THE INTENTION OF WALDHEIM TO MAKE THIS ASSIGNMENT IS ALREADY WELL-KNOWN IN GENEVA AND ONCE IT IS FORMALLY ANNOUNCED, IT WILL BE TOO LATE AND IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDO. WESTERN PERMREPS, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, REGARD IT AS CONFIDENTIAL

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HIGHLY OBJECTIONABLE ON A NUMBER OF GROUNDS, WHICH WE FEEL SHOULD WEIGH HEAVILY IN THE ARGUMENTS THAT ARE MADE.

3. THE FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE ARGUMENTS IS THAT THE SECOND RANKING OFFICER IN THE PERSONNEL SERVICES OFFICE IN UN NEW YORK IS EVENKO, THE SENIOR D-2 AFTER GHERAB. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EVENKO STANDS IN FOR GHERAB

WHENEVER THE LATTER IS AWAY. WE THINK IT UNACCEPTABLE -- AND OTHER MISSIONS HERE AGREE WITH US -- THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD HAVE THE SECOND RANKING PERSONNEL SLOT IN UN NEW YORK AND THE TOP RANKING PERSONNEL SLOT IN UN GENEVA. THIS IS LOADING THE DICE.

4. SECONDLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THERE ARE ALREADY IN THE PERSONNEL OFFICE HERE IN GENEVA TWO OTHER SOVIETS -- N. STARIKOVA, WHO IS A P-2, AND V' NIKOLAIKO, WHO IS A P-4. WITH DNEPROVSKY AS HEAD OF PERSONNEL HERE WITH TWO ADDITIONAL SOVIETS SCATTERED DOWN IN THE SYSTEM, AND WITH EVENKO WORKING IN NEW YORK UNDER GHERAB (WHO, WE ARE TOLD, IS NOT VERY FORTHCOMING IN TERMS OF WESTERN INTERESTS), IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE SOVIETS WILL HAVE ESTABLISHED A NET IN BOTH GENEVA AND IN NEW YORK THAT IS BOUND TO HAVE PERNICIOUS EFFECTS ON OUR INTERESTS.

5. WE, THEREFORE, AGAIN URGENTLY REQUEST THAT AMBASSADOR LEONARD COORDINATE WITH THE AMBASSADORS OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED COUNTRIES TO MAKE A STRONG DEMARCHE TO SYG WALDHEIM NO LATER THAN TODAY, TUESDAY, MAY 30.

6. OTHER MISSIONS HERE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THEIR NEW YORK COLLEAGUES SIMILARLY URGING A COORDINATING DEMARCHE. WE BELIEVE THAT, IF USUN COULD EFFECTIVELY GET THE REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES' WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE UP AS CONFIDENTIAL

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MUCH AS 40 PERCENT OF THE UN BUDGET TO JOIN IN A STRONG DEMARCHE, WALDHEIM WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO LISTEN. THE IDEA OF ADVANCING THE NAME OF GEOFFREY HOLMES (UK, D-1) AS A POSSIBILITY, WE THINK, MIGHT BE AN EXCELLENT PLOY, ALTHOUGH WALDHEIM MIGHT ARGUE THAT HE WOULD THEN HAVE TWO UK CITIZENS IN THE PERSONNEL OFFICE HERE IN GENEVA. OUR RESPONSE TO THAT SHOULD BE THAT HAVING TWO UKS IS BETTER THAN HAVING THREE SOVIETS. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT BARGAINING CHIP WHICH YOU MIGHT THEN GIVE UP, IF WALDHEIM WOULD WITHDRAW DNEPROVSKY'S NAME AND PROPOSE SOMEONE FROM STILL ANOTHER COUNTRY WHICH WOULD HOPEFULLY BRING ABOUT A MORE SATISFACTORILY GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF JOBS IN THE PERSONNEL OFFICE HERE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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